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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : Francois Mach
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/960,471 EXAMINER : Shengjun Wang
FILING DATE : September 19, 2001 ART UNIT : 1617
FOR : STATINS (HMG-CoA REDUCTASE INHIBITORS) AS A NOVEL TYPE
OF IMMUNOMODULATOR, IMMUNOSUPPRESSOR AND ANTI-
INFLAMMATORY AGENT

November 20, 2003
Boston, Massachusetts

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450


COMMUNICATION

In response to the Office Action dated May 20, 2003, Applicants have on this date filed a continuation application. Applicants file herewith a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, along with a check in the amount of \$475.00 to cover the required fee. A duplicate copy of our Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed herewith. With the extension, a response to the outstanding Office Action is due on November 20, 2003.

Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 23135-501 CIP).

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,


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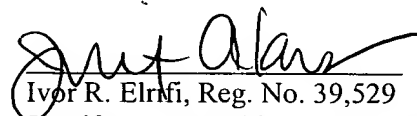
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Communication (1 pg.);
2. Petition for Extension of Time (1 pg.);
3. Check No. 17593 in the amount of \$475.00; and
4. Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts. No additional fees are believed to be due. However, if necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311 Ref. No. 23135-501 CIP. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed herewith.

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